

REMARKS

The April 5, 2004, Office Action has been carefully considered. In response thereto, and in accordance with the Examiner's instructions and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to claims 1-10. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more timely divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims 12 and 13. Upon the allowance of one or more generic claim(s), Applicant understands that it will be entitled to consideration of claims directed to additional species depending from the allowable generic claim or claims otherwise including the limitations of such generic claim or claims.

This application should now be in order for consideration on the merits of the claims in the elected group as Applicant has fully and completely responded to the Office Action by making the required election of one or more of the original specie(s) of claims. In view of the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to take up this application for examination at the earliest convenience.